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1. Having been unable to secure appreciable quantities of ball bearings from the United States or Sweden, the Bulgarian Government is now making efforts to secure ball bearings through private firms in Switzerland.
2. Dr. Peter Aladzhov, former Wartime Economic Administrator of Bulgaria and until recently a leading advisor to the Bulgarian National Bank, is seeking the best means by which large quantities of ball bearings might be secured through Swiss firms. The Bulgars are offering British pounds, some American dollars, shipments of pork, pork fat and pork rind.
3. Correspondence is being carried on with certain Swiss firms but, [REDACTED] advises, it is highly improbable that any trade will be forthcoming.

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